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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DOD EXCHANGE ASSIGNMENT

FOR TOM MAERTENS FROM JOE MCBRIDE

1. I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION OF THE PM EXCHANGE JOB IN THE MARINE HEADQUARTERS IN THE PENTAGON. SERVING AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PM DIRECTOR I HAVE HANDLED OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS JOB IN DEPTH WITH THE LAST THREE OFFICERS TO HOLD IT: GARETT SWEANY, 0-4, 73-74, NOW IN PM/SAS; LARS HYDLE, 0-4, 75, NOW IN S/P; AND WAYNE MERRY, 0-6, INCUMBENT.

2. ALL THREE OF THESE GOOD POLITICAL OFFICERS HAVE SHARED THE VIEW OF A JOINT PM-PER ASSESSMENT DONE IN 1975 THAT THIS IS QUOTE A GOOD POSITION. THE STATE OFFICER IS ONE OF THE ACTION OFFICERS DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL MATTERS SUCH AS LAW OF THE SEA AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE. OFFERS A WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE AND EXPOSURE TO MILITARY POLICY MAKING, NOT JUST IN THE MARINE CORPS, BUT IN DODASA WHOLE. THE MARINES ARE PLEASED TO HAVE A STATE OFFICER

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AND HE IS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED. END QUOTE.

3. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE THE REVIEW ONLY CITED THAT THE WORKLOAD COULD BE HEAVIER, A JUDGMENT SHARED BY HYDLE AND SWEANY.

4. MERRY IS EXTREMELY POSITIVE ABOUT THE JOB AND WOULD WILLINGLY STAY THERE IF HE WERE NOT ALREADY LOCKED INTO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT. HE EMPHASIZES THAT MOST OF THE WORK INVOLVES INTERFACING WITH JCS AND OTHER AGENCIES RATHER THAN DEALING WITH INTERNAL MARINE CORPS PROBLEMS.

5. UNLIKE SOME OF THE OTHER SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS IN DOD, I CAN PERSONALLY RECOMMEND THIS AS A GOOD POSITION AND ONE WHICH OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT PM JOBS IN THE POLITICAL CONE. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND IN ANY CASE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER.

6. YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR CONCURS WITH THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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